

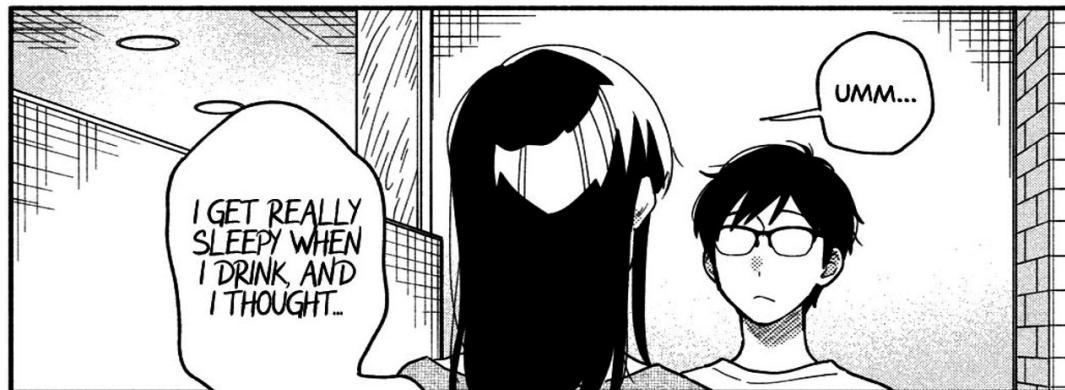
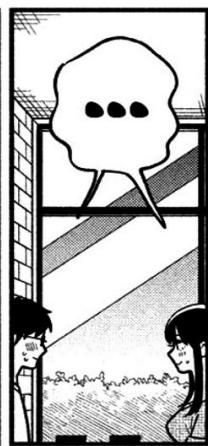
Chapter 26

How to Ignite  
Our Love

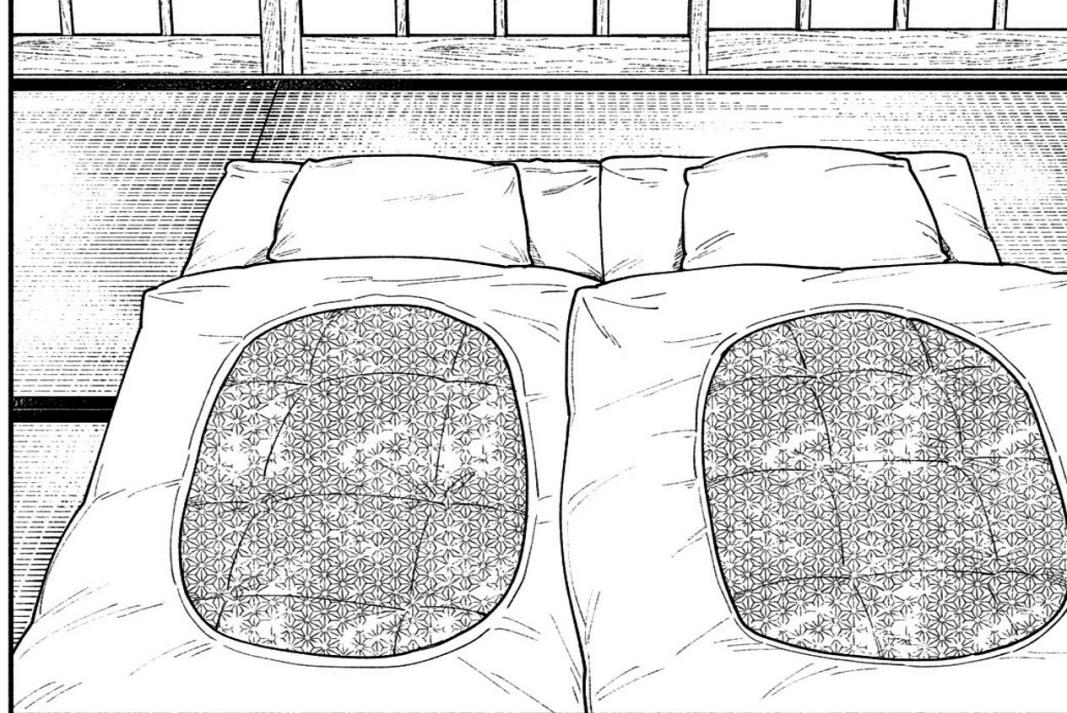


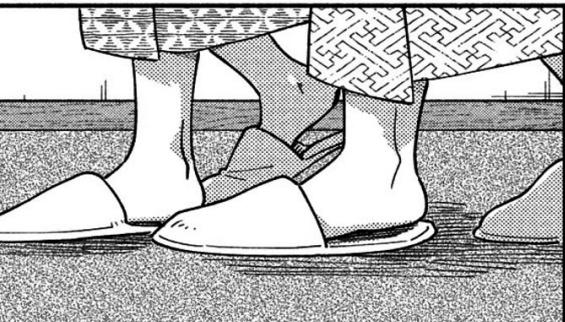
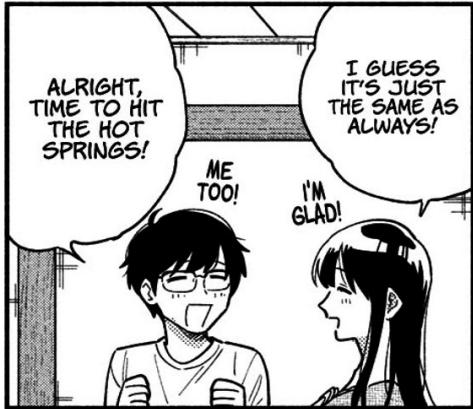


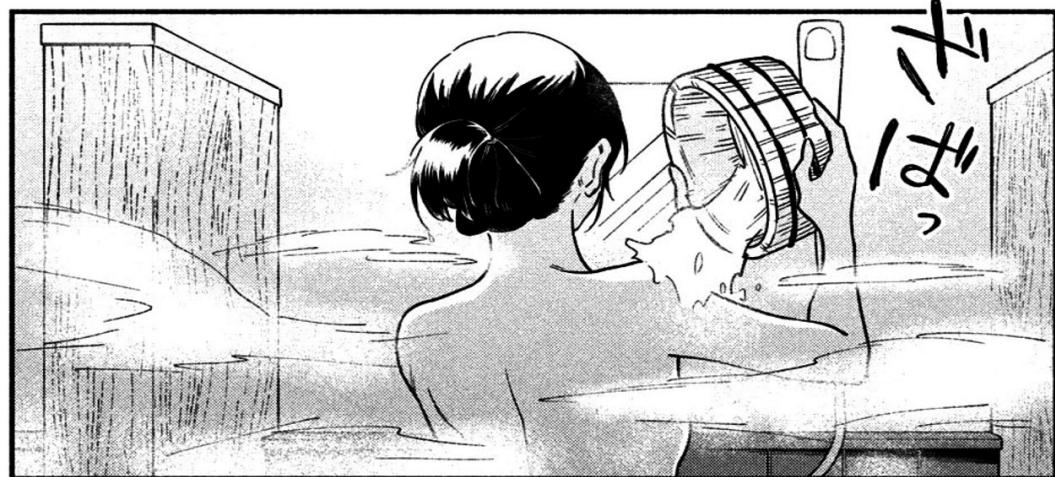
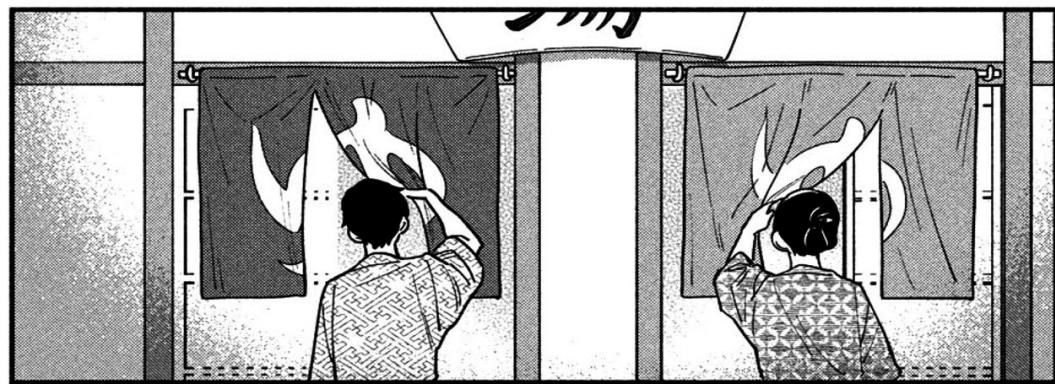




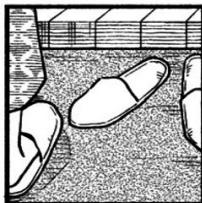














LET'S  
GO TO  
BED.



I DIDN'T  
KNOW WHAT  
ELSE TO DO!

THAT'S  
FAIR.



I'D LIKE  
YOU TO TAKE  
OFF YOUR  
GLASSES...

UHM...

COULD  
YOU DO  
SOMETHING  
FOR ME?

SURE.

THAT'S  
THE WHOLE  
POINT!

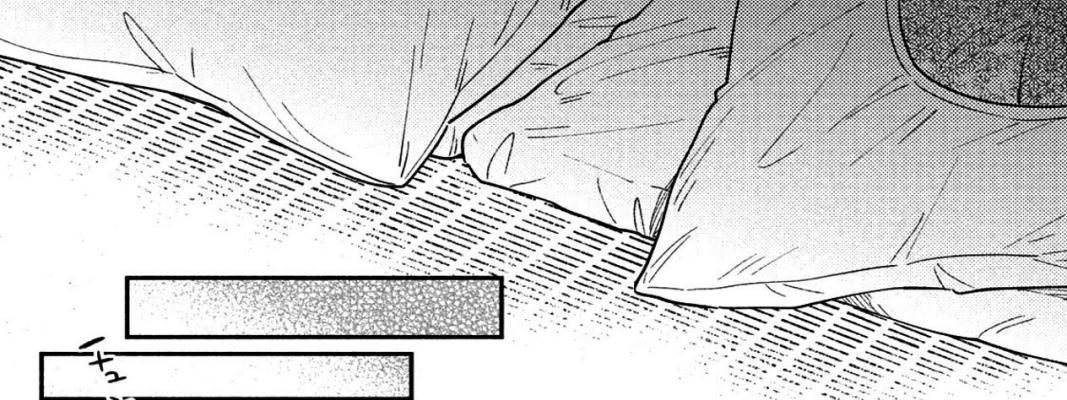
WHA  
AAT?  
BUT  
I WON'T  
BE ABLE TO  
SEE LIKE  
THIS...

I CAN'T  
SEE ANYTHING  
WITHOUT MY  
GLASSES,  
AND...

ALRIGHT...







GOOD  
MORN-  
ING....

GOOD  
MORNING.

SHE'S  
AWAKE!



THAT'S  
TOTALLY  
DIFFER-  
ENT!

WHA-

EVEN  
THOUGH  
YOU'RE AL-  
WAYS TELLING  
ME NOT TO  
LOOK AT  
YOU...

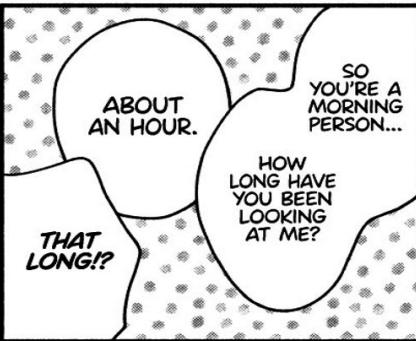
...

ABOUT  
AN HOUR.

SO  
YOU'RE A  
MORNING  
PERSON...

HOW  
LONG HAVE  
YOU BEEN  
LOOKING  
AT ME?

THAT  
LONG!?

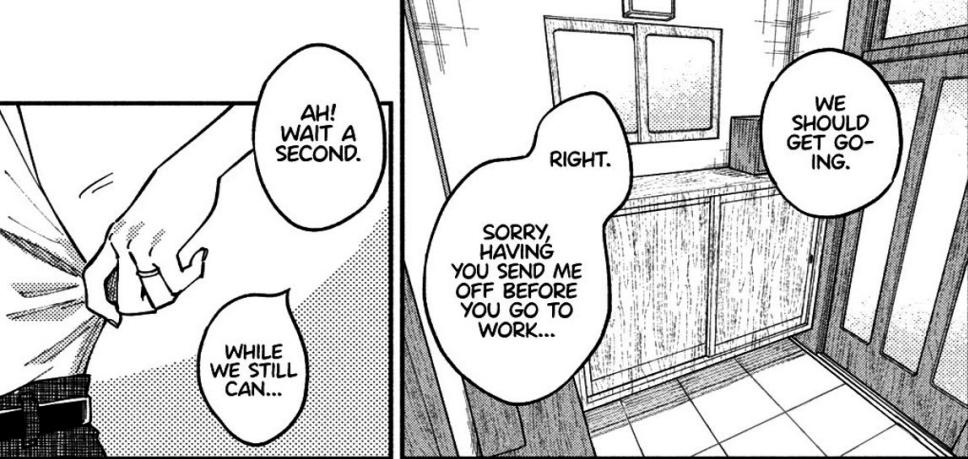


I'M JUST  
SO IN LOVE  
WITH YOU...

THAT I  
COULDN'T  
LOOK  
AWAY.

A FAIRY MARRIAGE  
**how to grill our love**

Next time: Naturally, Kenta is in a state of pure ecstasy!



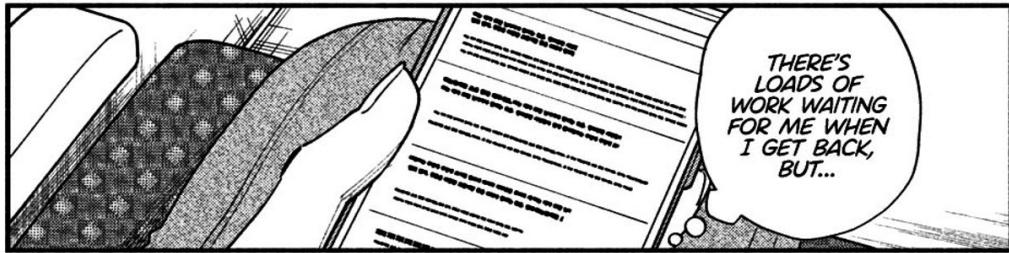
KENTA-SAN...

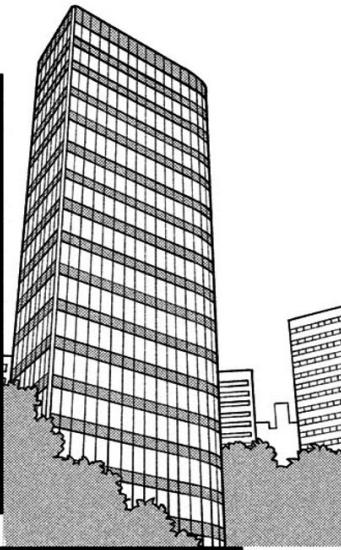
AND I...

DON'T  
WANT TO  
LET YOU  
GO.

THE  
TIME!









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Messages

Kenta-san

Are you home yet?

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AFTER  
MY VACATION,  
KENTA-SAN HAS  
BEEN BOMBARD-  
ING ME OVER  
LINE.



HE HAD  
SOMEONE HE  
REALLY LIKED.  
SHE DUMPED  
HIM. HE WAS  
SCARRED...

AND I  
GET THAT.

BECAUSE  
OF THAT, HE  
WANTS TO FEEL  
LOVED AND RE-  
ASSURED.

BLIP!

BLIP!

THIS  
IS GOING  
TOO FAR!

I  
GET IT,  
BUT...

BLIP!

BE-  
SIDES...

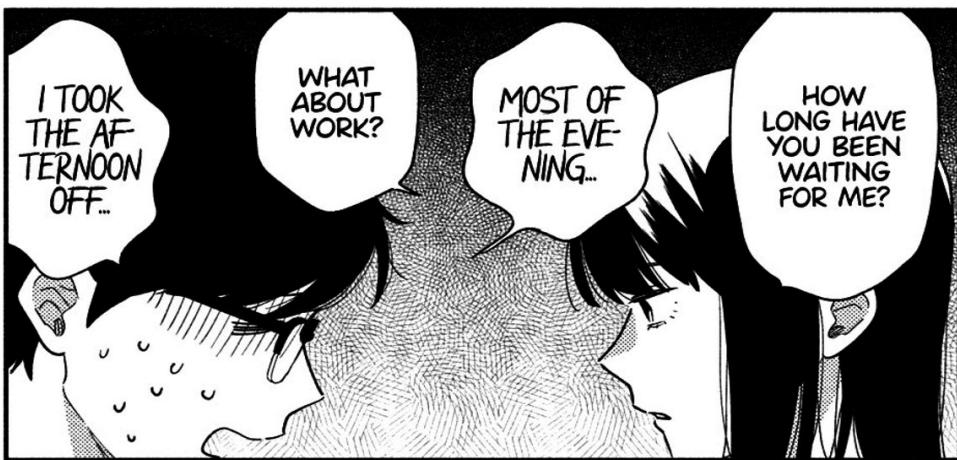
BUT I'LL  
NEVER HAVE  
ENOUGH TIME  
TO REPLY TO  
EVERY SINGLE  
ONE.

HE'LL  
PROBABLY  
JUST KEEP  
TEXTING ME  
UNTIL I TEXT  
BACK...



I DON'T  
LIKE IT WHEN  
PEOPLE EXPECT  
ME TO DO  
THINGS.





I'M SORRY  
I MADE YOU  
WORRY.

FIRST, I'D  
LIKE TO APOL-  
OGIZE FOR NOT  
TEXTING YOU  
BACK.

NO, I  
WASN'T.

YOU  
MUST  
BE SO  
CREEPED  
OUT...

NO...

IT'S MY  
FAULT.

BUT  
THAT'S  
NOT THE  
POINT.

WELL,  
I KIND OF  
WAS.

WANTING  
TO TOUCH YOU,  
OR WANTING TO  
BE TOGETHER...

OF COURSE  
I FEEL THOSE  
THINGS TOO,  
BUT...

KENTA-  
SAN, I'M IN  
LOVE WITH  
YOU.

SO EVEN  
THOUGH WE'RE  
HUSBAND AND WIFE,  
I'D LIKE TO HAVE  
A LITTLE SPACE.



I'M AFRAID  
YOU'LL MAKE  
YOUR OWN IDEAL  
VERSION OF "ME"  
IN YOUR HEAD.

IF YOU'RE  
GOING TO  
SPEND SO MUCH  
TIME THINKING  
ABOUT ME...

I MAY BE ASKING FOR A LOT HERE, BUT...

I'D LIKE YOU TO UNDERSTAND, KENTA-SAN.

I'M SORRY.

NO, I'M SORRY, TOO...

SO THAT'S HOW YOU FELT...

...THAT'S WHAT IT'S CALLED, RIGHT!?

MIS-MATCHED EXPECTATIONS!

CHIHIRO-SAN...  
WE HAVE...

THIS IS A FIRST FOR US!

MISMATCHED EXPECTATIONS!!!



THEN  
LET ME  
MAKE YOU  
SOME FOOD!

PHEW!

NOW THAT  
I'VE GOTTEN  
THAT OFF MY  
CHEST, I'M A  
LITTLE HUN-  
GRY.

YES,  
THAT'S  
FINE.

I WON'T  
GET MAD.

MAY  
I LOOK  
IN YOUR  
REFRIGER-  
ATOR...?

...



AH,  
THAT'S...

HMM...

BUT I  
DON'T  
HAVE ANY  
FOOD...

AH!

WE'LL  
HEAT THE  
RICE...

THEN  
LET'S USE  
THIS!

EVER  
SINCE YOU  
MADE THOSE  
RICE BALLS FOR  
ME, I'VE GOTTEN  
REALLY INTO  
THEM.

IN A  
FRYING  
PAN, WE'LL  
HEAT SOME  
SESAME  
OIL...

ADD SOME  
SOY SAUCE  
AND MIRIN,  
AND MIX IT  
WELL.

AND GRILL  
IT WHILE ADD-  
ING MORE SOY  
SAUCE, LITTLE  
BY LITTLE!



IT'S  
GOOD,  
BUT...

NO, IT'S  
REALLY,  
REALLY GOOD!

DOES IT  
TASTE THAT  
BAD...?

YES,  
PLEASE!

HEHE!  
DOES  
THAT MEAN  
YOU WANT  
MORE?

IS THROUGH  
THEIR STOMACH,  
AFTER ALL...

I  
GUESS THE  
BEST WAY TO  
A PERSON'S  
HEART...

I DON'T  
KNOW...  
OR IS IT  
LESS...?

THAT'S MORE  
THAN I  
THOUGHT...

WOAH!

ABOUT  
TEN SHOULD  
BE GOOD.

LET'S  
SEE...

HOW MANY  
MESSAGES CAN  
I SEND YOU  
IN A DAY?

BY THE  
WAY...

A RARE MARRIAGE  
 how to grill  love

Next time: The perfect dish to pair with sake!



STILL  
CAN'T  
DECIDE?

YEAH...

Chapter 28

Canned Sake and a  
Fresh, Beach-Broiled  
Catch

A RARE MARRIAGE

# how to.grill our Love



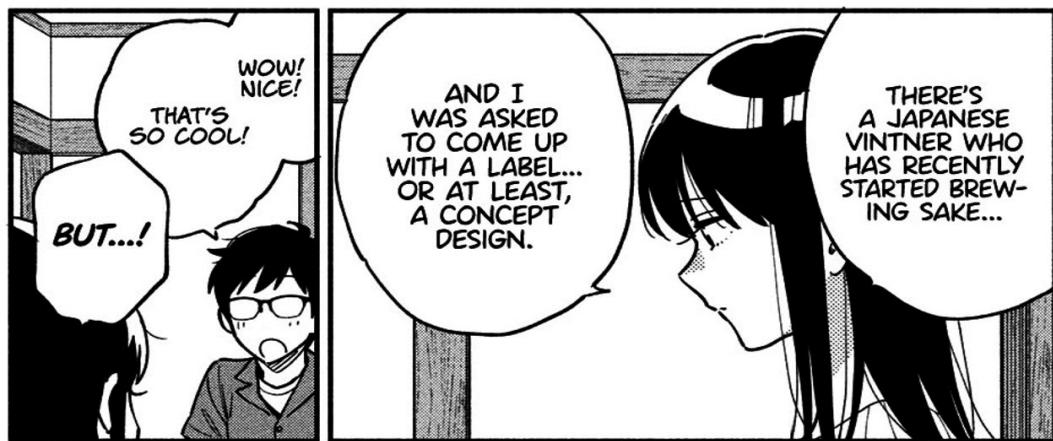
MAYBE IT'LL  
GIVE YOU SOME  
INSPIRATION!



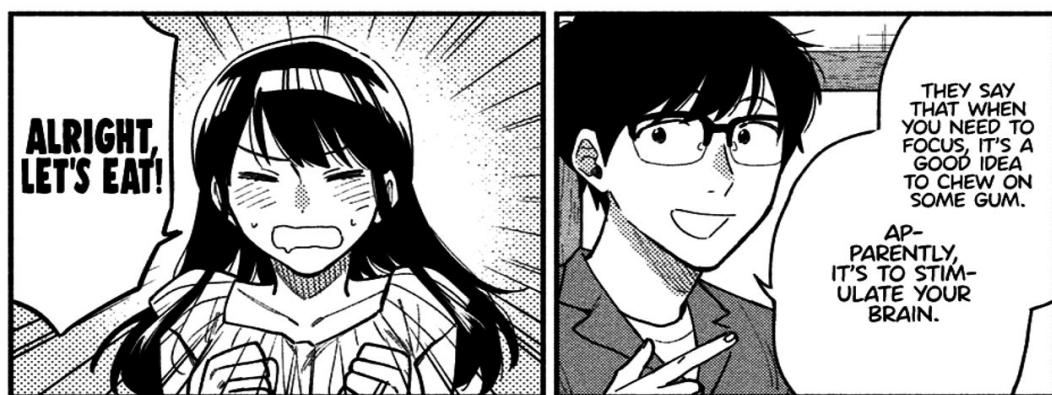
I GOT  
YOU SOMETHING!

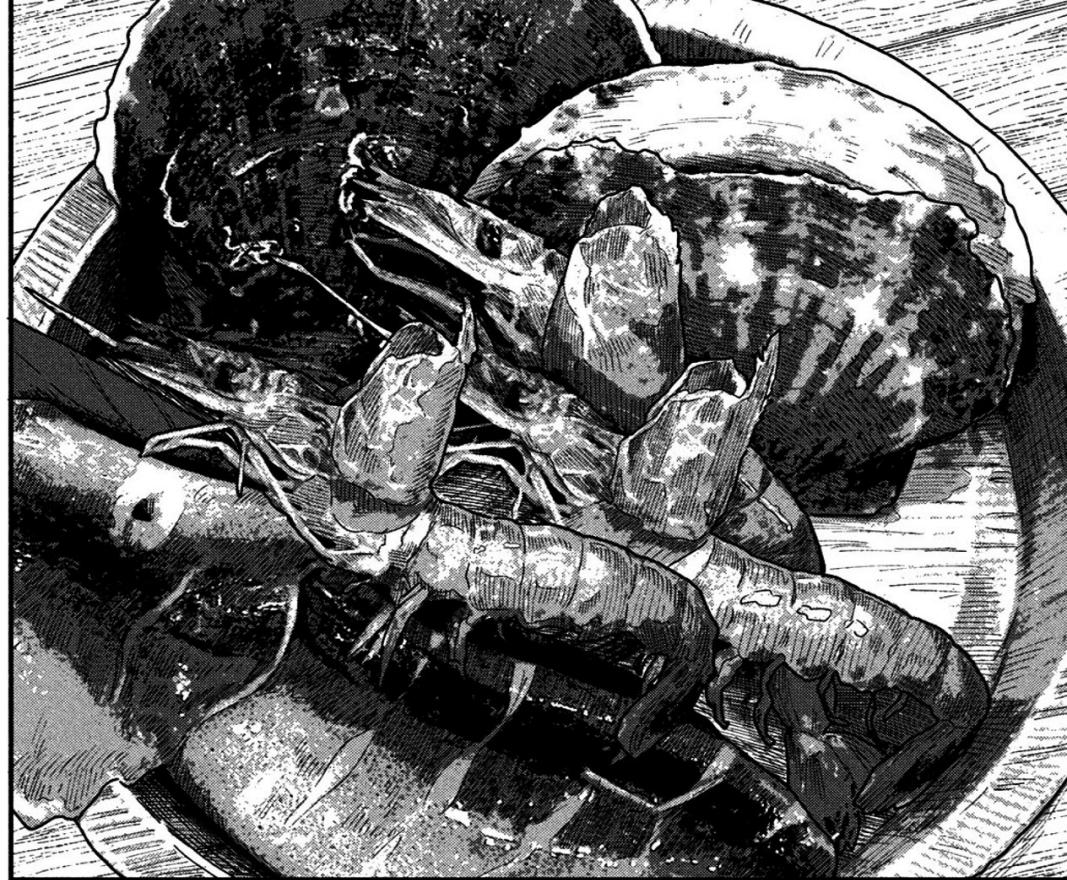
YEAH, I  
FIGURED.











CUT  
OFF THE  
TOP HALF  
OF THE  
SHELL.

SOME OF THE  
JUICES MIGHT  
SPILL OUT, BUT  
THAT'S OKAY.

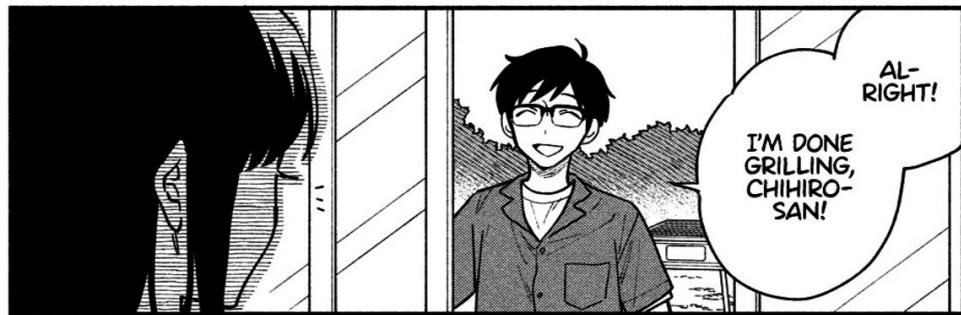
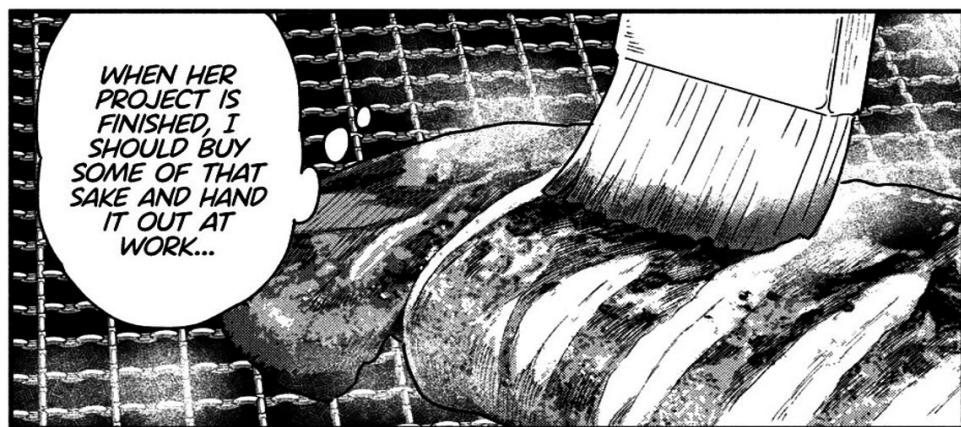
140  
WHEN IT'S  
OPEN, FLIP  
IT OVER.



LET'S GET  
THE SHRIMP  
AND THE SQUID  
STARTED, TOO!

ADD  
SOME SOY  
SAUCE, AND  
WAIT A LITTLE  
LONGER.









SO I  
WANT YOU  
TO REALLY  
ENJOY IT.

WE HAVE  
ALL OF THIS  
WONDERFUL  
FOOD...

NO BUTS!

BUT...

PUT IT  
AWAY!

**YOU'RE  
RIGHT!**

...



IT HAS  
WHITE WINE  
IN IT, SO I FIG-  
URED IT'D PAIR  
WELL WITH  
SEAFOOD.

SPEAKING OF  
WHICH, THIS SOY  
SAUCE IS WON-  
DERFUL!

IS IT  
DASHI SOY  
SAUCE?

WITH THIS  
FISH WE'RE  
HAVING, DRY  
SAKE IS THE  
BEST!

KENTA-  
SAN, ARE  
YOU EVEN  
DRINKING~?

I THINK  
IT WOULD BE  
PERFECT FOR  
RAW EGGS  
OVER RICE...

HM?

OH, AND  
CHILLED  
TOFU...

YOU COULD  
ALSO MAKE  
A DRESSING  
WITH IT.

APPARENTLY,  
IT'S ALSO GOOD  
WITH WHITEFISH  
SASHIMI.

**WHOA!**

YUSH...  
S'ALL  
GOOD...

ARE YOU  
OKAY?

I'M  
REALLY  
LOVING  
THIS  
SAKE~!

SHE'S  
OUT.

YOU  
ALREADY  
HAD THIS  
MUCH....!?

MM...

CHIHIRO-  
SAN, YOU  
SHOULD GO  
TO BED...

HEHE...

AHAHAHAI

THEN CARRY  
MEEEE!

WHAT!?



IT LOOKS  
LIKE I FELL  
ASLEEP LAST  
NIGHT... I'M  
SORRY.

GOOD  
MORN-  
ING.

WHY DO I FEEL  
LIKE I'M AT A  
FANCY CAFE...

WHAT  
IS IT?

HEHE...

YES! I  
FEEL SO  
REFRESHED!

I  
THINK  
I'VE GOT  
SOMETHING  
THAT THE  
CLIENT WILL BE  
SATISFIED  
WITH, AS  
WELL.

NO  
PROB-  
LEM!

LOOKS  
LIKE YOUR  
WORK IS GOING  
SMOOTHLY?

HEHE  
HE...

TELL ME  
EVERYTHING!

!?  
I SAID  
WHAT!?

YOU'RE  
SO COOL...

YESTERDAY,  
YOU WERE SAY-  
ING STUFF LIKE,  
"CARRY MEEEE!"...  
NOW LOOK AT  
YOU!

A RARE MARRIAGE  
 how to grill our love

Next time: Time for a birthday? Kenta completely forgot!

A RARE MARRIAGE

# how to grill our Love



WAS IT  
TOO MUCH  
TO ASK?  
YOU'RE SO  
QUIET...

...

NO...  
**LEAVE IT  
TO ME!**

YAY!

Alpen Outdoors



GROWING UP...

I DIDN'T  
THINK BIRTH-  
DAYS WERE  
A BIG DEAL.



I HAVE TO  
MAKE THINGS  
RIGHT!

BECAUSE OF  
THIS, ALL OF MY  
FRIENDS STOPPED  
HANGING OUT  
WITH ME...

AND NOW I  
FORGOT KENTA-  
SAN'S BIRTH-  
DAY, OF ALL  
BIRTHDAYS!

LITERALLY  
NO ONE FROM  
HIGH SCHOOL  
HAS KEPT IN  
TOUCH...

KNOW-  
ING KENTA-  
SAN, IT WON'T  
BE A PROB-  
LEM GETTING  
HIM INSIDE.

LET'S  
GO! LET'S  
GO!

THERE'S AN  
OUTDOOR GEAR  
STORE THAT RE-  
CENTLY OPENED  
THERE.

THIS  
IS MY  
PLAN.

I'LL TAKE HIM TO  
A BIG SHOPPING  
CENTER UNDER THE  
RUSE OF BUYING  
INGREDIENTS.

I WISH I  
HAD ONE OF  
THESE...

INSIDE,  
THERE WILL BE  
ALL SORTS OF  
OUTDOORSY  
ITEMS.

IT WILL JUST  
BE A MATTER OF  
TIME UNTIL SOME-  
THING CATCHES  
HIS EYE.



AND GIVE  
IT TO HIM  
AS A SUR-  
PRISE!

THEN, I'LL  
SECRETLY BUY  
IT BEFORE WE  
GO HOME...

SORRY  
BEFORE  
WE GO

SURE!



NEED  
TO USE THE  
BATHROOM.

SO FAR,  
SO GOOD...



NOW FOR  
THE NEXT  
STEP...



ROAST  
BEEF!



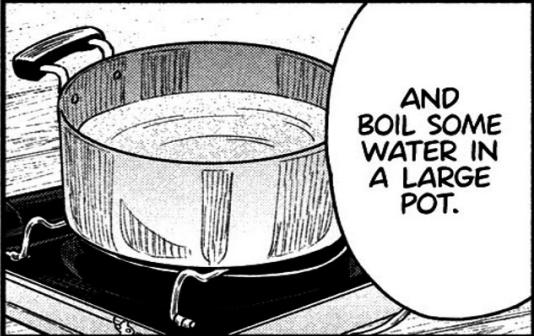
WE'LL  
SEASON  
IT GENER-  
OUSLY...

AND  
REMOVE  
EXCESS  
MOISTURE  
WITH A  
PAPER  
TOWEL.

WE'RE  
USING BEEF  
SHANK TO-  
DAY. BRING IT  
TO ROOM  
TEMP...



WHEN THE  
GRATE IS HOT,  
WE'LL TAKE  
THE MEAT...



AND  
BOIL SOME  
WATER IN  
A LARGE  
POT.



AND  
GRILL  
IT!

GET A ZIP-  
LOC BAG, AND  
SUCK OUT THE  
AIR WITH A  
STRAW.

WHEN IT'S  
BROWNED ON  
ALL SIDES...

PUT  
THE BAG IN  
THE WATER  
WE JUST  
BOILED.

TURN OFF  
THE HEAT, AND  
LET IT SIT WITH  
THE LID ON FOR  
20 MINUTES.

YOU'LL  
BE FINE!

WE  
CAN SLICE  
IT TO SEE IF  
IT'S COOKED,  
AND IF IT ISN'T,  
WE CAN JUST  
GRILL IT.

WITH  
THICK CUTS  
LIKE THIS, I  
ALWAYS WOR-  
RY IF IT WILL  
BE COOKED  
THROUGH...

I DID IT  
JUST LIKE THE  
RECIPE SAID, SO  
I THINK IT'LL  
BE OKAY...

ROAST  
BEEF!

ROAST  
BEEF!

HE  
LOOKS  
SO HAP-  
PY...

I  
GUESS  
YOU'RE  
RIGHT.

AH.

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31

I CAN'T  
WAIT TO SEE  
HOW HE'LL RE-  
ACT TO HIS  
PRESENT...

IF I GOT CAUGHT IN A FLASH MOB  
OR SOMETHING, I'D JUST RUN AWAY...

BUT I DIDN'T  
STOP TO THINK  
HOW KENTA-SAN  
MIGHT FEEL!

WELL,  
THAT MIGHT  
JUST BE ME.

**WHAT IF HE  
DOESN'T LIKE  
SURPRISES...?**

FUKU-  
YAMA-SAN?  
DELIVERY  
FOR YOU!

WHAT DO  
I DO? NO,  
BUT AT THIS  
POINT...

DAD...!  
HE DIDN'T  
EVEN ASK  
ME FIRST!

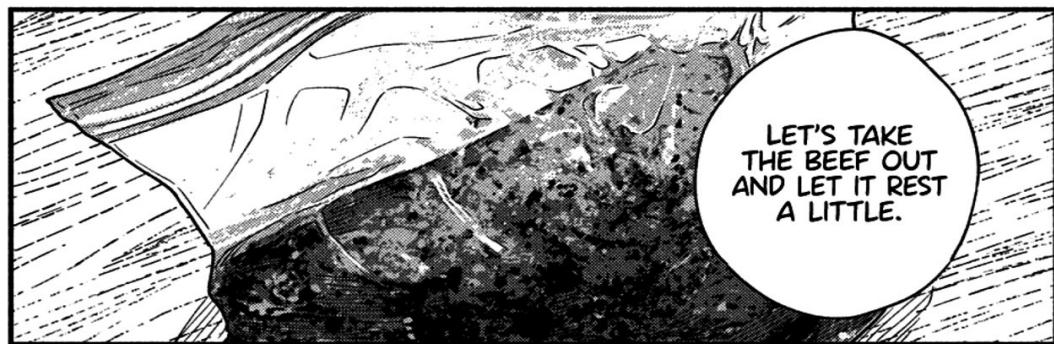
WHAT!?

WOAH! IT'S  
A PRESENT  
FROM YOUR  
FATHER, CHI-  
HIRO-SAN!

AH, HIS  
NUMBER IS...

I SHOULD  
THANK HIM!

IT'S  
BEER!



UHM,  
THIS...

AH,  
WAIT!

I'LL  
GO GET A  
KNIFE.

WHAT  
WOULD BE A  
GOOD TIME?

THIS IS  
FOR YOU!

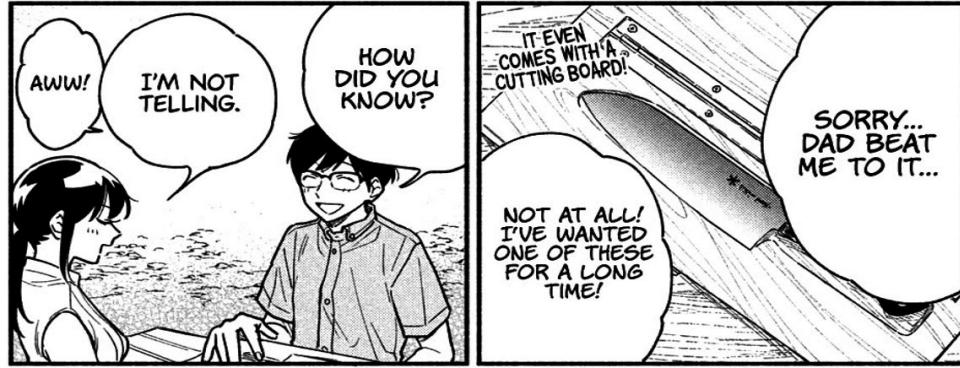


THANK  
YOU!

OH?

WOA,  
AWESOME!

\* snow peak



AWW!

I'M NOT  
TELLING.

HOW  
DID YOU  
KNOW?

IT EVEN  
COMES WITH A  
CUTTING BOARD!

SORRY...  
DAD BEAT  
ME TO IT...

NOT AT ALL!  
I'VE wanted  
ONE OF THESE  
FOR A LONG  
TIME!



SORRY,  
CHIHIRO-  
SAN...

ACTUAL-  
LY, I KNEW  
FROM THE  
START...

BUT THERE'S  
NO NEED TO  
TELL HER.

SHE  
LOOKS SO  
SMUG!

MISSION  
ACCOM-  
PLISHED!

I HAVE NO  
IDEA HOW SHE  
THOUGHT SHE GOT  
AWAY WITH THAT BAG.

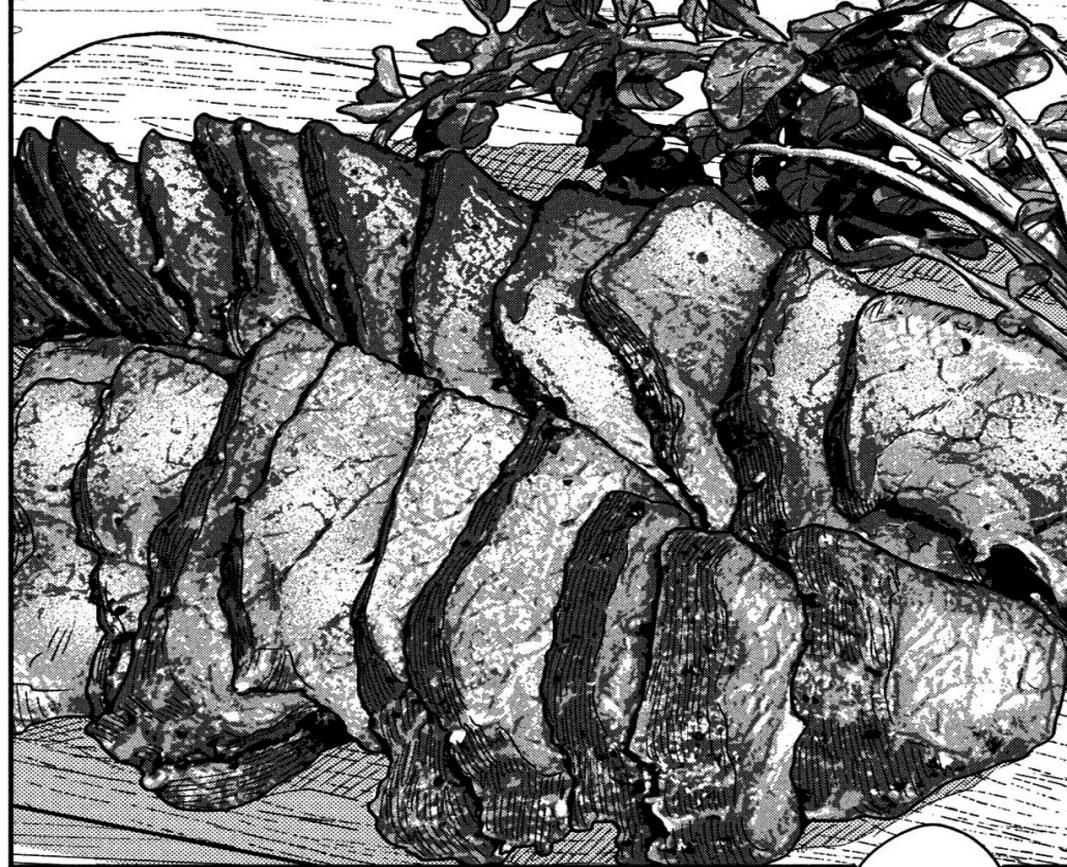
GOING TO THE BATHROOM  
BEFORE LEAVING, COMING  
BACK WITH SOMETHING SHE  
OBVIOUSLY JUST BOUGHT,  
AND TRYING TO HIDE IT BE-  
HIND HER BACK... SHE  
WASN'T VERY SUBTLE.

I SEA-  
SONED  
IT PRETTY  
HEAVILY BE-  
FORE COOK-  
ING...  
  
SO LET'S  
JUST DO SOY  
SAUCE AND  
WASABI!

WHICH  
SAUCE  
SHOULD  
WE USE?

I CAN'T  
WAIT TO TRY  
OUT MY PRES-  
ENT!







CHIHIRO-SAN...  
SHE TRULY IS ONE  
OF A KIND.

SHE'S BEAUTIFUL,  
CUTE, AND SUPER  
FUNNY, SO WHEN I  
FIRST MET HER...

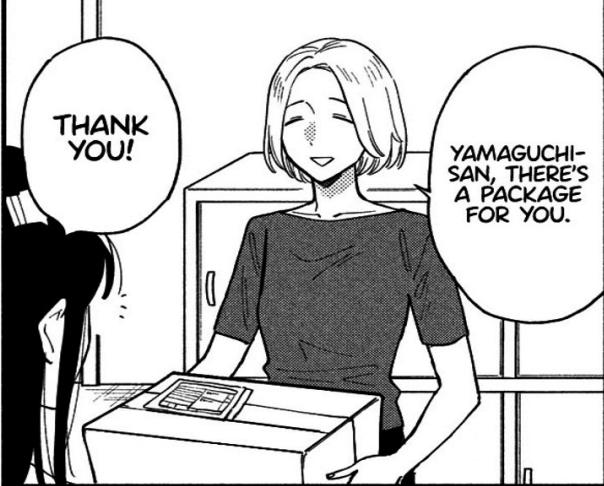
I KEPT  
WONDERING  
WHY SHE WAS  
SINGLE BE-  
FORE...

BUT NOW,  
I KNOW IT  
WAS ALL SO  
WE COULD BE  
TOGETHER.

A RARE MARRIAGE  
 how to grill love

Next time: Barbecuing at a farewell party!

WELL,  
GET READY, BE-  
CAUSE I'M GOING  
TO TRY AND TOP  
THIS WHEN IT'S  
TIME FOR YOUR  
BIRTHDAY!



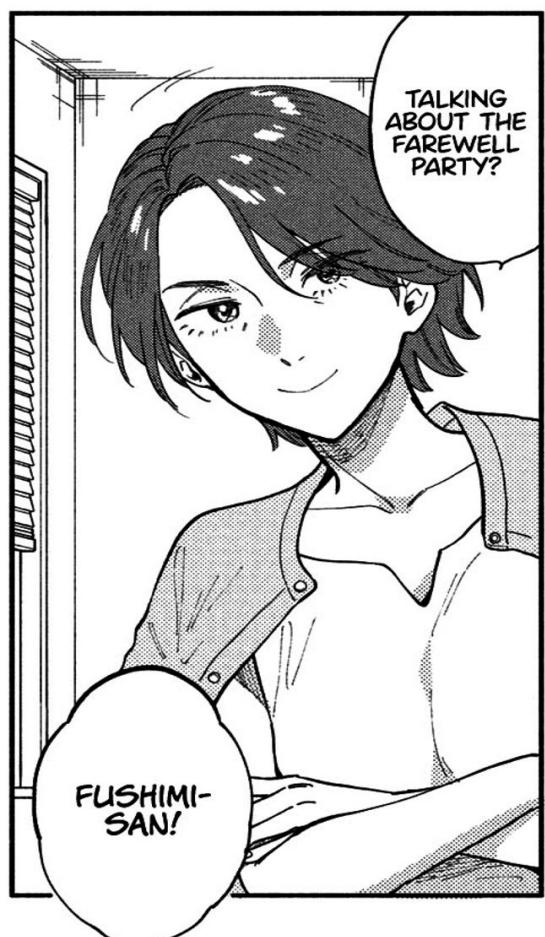
A RARE MARRIAGE

# how to grill our love

Chapter 30

The Farewell  
Barbecue, Part 1





WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE THIS ONE, FUSHIMI-SAN?

THEY LOOK GREAT!

I'LL DEFINITELY ORDER SOME WHEN THEY GO ON SALE.

LET ME KNOW IF THERE'S A RESTAURANT YOU WANT TO GO TO.

OH, ARE THOSE THE SAMPLES?

YOU DON'T SEEM LIKE THE TYPE WHO DRINKS A LOT, YAMAGUCHI-SAN.

WAIT.

I HAD NO IDEA.

I HAD A BIT TOO MUCH TO DRINK LAST TIME, SO MAYBE NOT...

DON'T YOU WANT TO SHARE IT WITH BARBECUE GLASSES BOY?

HUH?

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO DESIGNED THE LABEL, AFTER ALL.

I NEVER REPARED YOU FOR THAT SAKE YOU GOT ME...

WHO IS BARBECUE GLASSES BOY?

CHIHIRO'S HUSBAND.



HUS-  
BAND!

YAMA-  
GUCHI-  
SAN'S...

HE  
DOES...  
SO  
HE WEARS  
GLASSES,  
THEN?

THAT'S SO  
COOL!

WE GRILL  
OUR BACK-  
YARD EVERY  
WEEKEND.

YES...  
SO HE  
LIKES  
BARBE-  
CUE?

I'VE  
ALWAYS  
WANTED TO  
ASK ABOUT  
HIM!

THEN  
ISN'T HIS  
NICKNAME  
A LITTLE  
BASIC!?

YES...

HE  
LOOKS  
SWEET!

YEP...  
THOSE ARE  
GLASSES.

A PIC-  
TURE...

DO YOU  
HAVE A  
PICTURE  
OF HIM?

AH! THIS  
ONE'S OF  
THE TWO  
OF US...



I HAVE AN IDEA!

AH.

I WISH I COULD MEET HIM!

YOU'RE SUCH A NEWLY-WED!

WE'LL INVITE BARBECUE GLASSES BOY!

HOW ABOUT WE DO A BARBECUE FOR YOUR FAREWELL PARTY?

I KNOW, RIGHT!?

THAT'S A GREAT IDEA!

WHAT?



YAMAGUCHI-SAN, ASK HIM IF HE'S AVAILABLE!

BUT...

YAY! I CAN'T WAIT!

NO...

UHM... LET'S ASK HIM TO COOK SOMETHING FOR US!

SURE...

SO... THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED.

I SEE...

THEY'RE PROBABLY A GLASSY BUNCH...

A GROUP OF CORPORATE DESIGNERS... THAT'S KINDA SCARY...

I DON'T HAVE MUCH EXPERIENCE WITH THOSE KINDS OF PEOPLE...

WHAT WOULD WE EVEN TALK ABOUT?

SHE WAS GUSHING ABOUT ME...

I REALLY TRIED, BUT I COULDN'T GET A WORD IN...

SORRY...

IF IT'S TOO MUCH TROUBLE, YOU CAN TELL ME...

NO, THAT'S NOT IT...

I REALLY WANT TO SEE WHAT SHE'S LIKE WITH HER COLLEAGUES...

BUT IT'S A CHANCE TO SEE A DIFFERENT SIDE OF CHIHIRO-SAN...!

KENTA-SAN...

THAT WOULD PUT ME AT EASE.

I KNOW!

HOW ABOUT I INVITE A FRIEND OF MY OWN?



A FEW  
DAYS LATER...

FIRST,  
LET'S MAKE  
SOME PICKLES  
AS A START-  
ER!

AND  
BRING IT  
TO A BOIL  
IN A POT.

THEN  
WE LET IT  
COOL COM-  
PLETELY.

WE'LL NEED  
RICE VINEGAR,  
WHITE WINE,  
SUGAR...  
  
BAY LEAF,  
GARLIC, AND  
CHILI PEPP-  
PER...

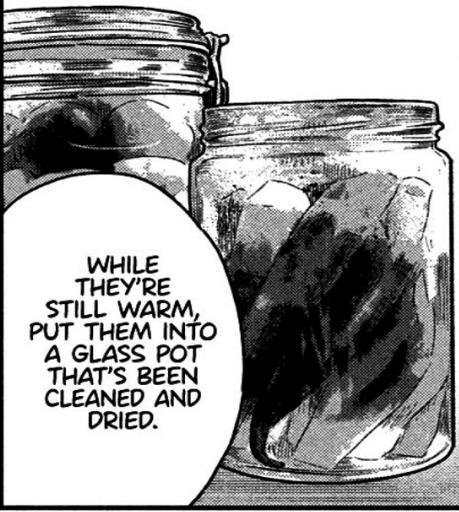
TAKE THE  
STEMS OFF  
THE CHERRY  
TOMATOES...

AND  
PUNCH TWO  
OR THREE HOLES  
IN THEM WITH  
A TOOTHPICK.

PEEL  
THE TOP PART  
OFF THE OKRA,  
AND RUB THEM  
WITH SALT.

WE'LL  
CUT THE  
BELL PEPPERS  
INTO MATCH-  
STICKS...

THE  
MYOGA  
GETS CUT  
IN HALF...



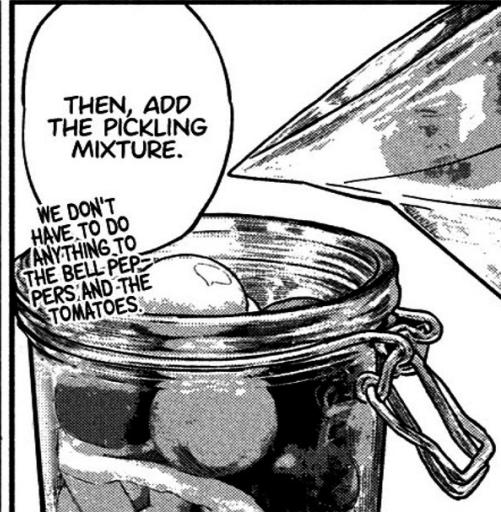
WHILE THEY'RE STILL WARM, PUT THEM INTO A GLASS POT THAT'S BEEN CLEANED AND DRIED.



NEXT, WE'LL BOIL THE OKRA AND THE MYOGA.



WHEN THEY'VE COOLED DOWN, WE CAN PUT THEM IN THE FRIDGE.



THEN, ADD THE PICKLING MIXTURE.



WE DON'T HAVE TO DO ANYTHING TO THE BELL PEPPERS AND THE TOMATOES.

AND NOW, ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS LET THEM SIT OVERNIGHT!

SO CUTE!

ADD THE CHICKEN WINGS AND KNEAD IT WELL.

NEXT UP:  
BUFFALO WINGS!

THEN  
LEAVE IT  
IN THE  
FRIDGE!

HONEY,  
AND SALT AND PEPPER IN A BAG.

MIX CAYENNE PEPPER,

GROUND GARLIC AND GINGER...

SO THEY'RE TECHNICALLY NOT BUFFALO WINGS.

BUT THAT MIGHT BE DIFFICULT TO DO OUTSIDE.

IT WOULD BE BEST IF WE COULD DEEP-FRY IT,

HM... WHEN WE GRILL IT TOMORROW, WE'LL EAT IT WITH OTHER SAUCES.

OH?

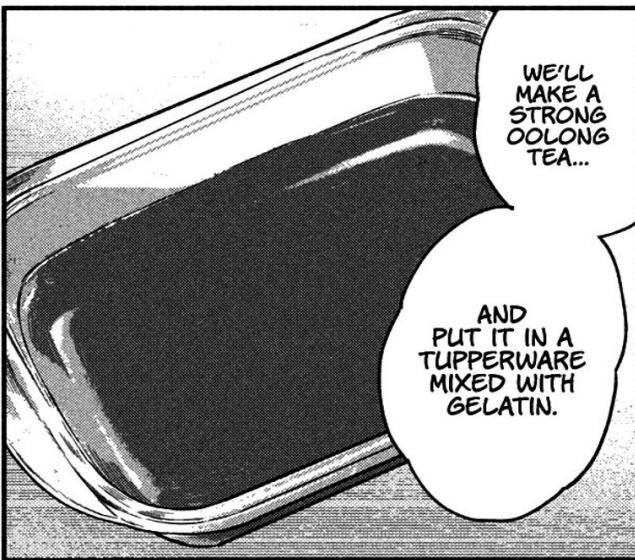
THEY'RE BOTH CHICKEN WINGS, BUT THIS IS SPICY.

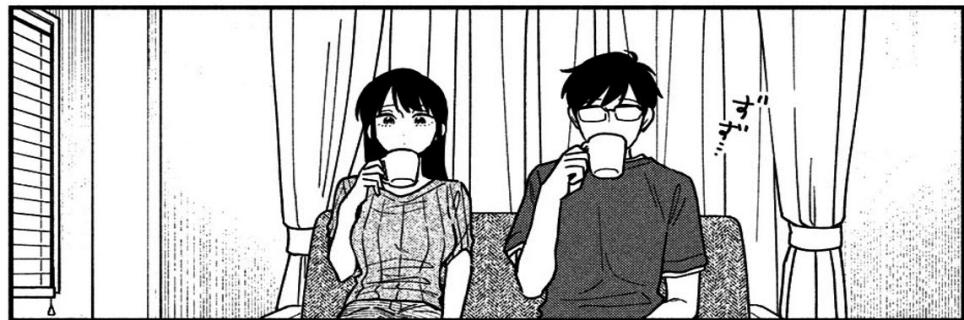
THE CLOSEST THING WE HAVE IN JAPAN WOULD BE CHICKEN WING KARAAGE...

THEY'RE A CLASSIC AMERICAN TREAT!

THEY GO GREAT WITH BEER!

I'VE HEARD OF BUFFALO WINGS BEFORE, BUT IT WILL BE MY FIRST TIME HAVING THEM.











A RARE MARRIAGE

# how to grill our love

Volume 3  
is on sale now,  
fresh off  
the grill!



JUST GRILLING  
THEM IS FUN.  
BUT WAIT 'TIL YOU  
TAKE THEM!

# HOT SANDWICHES & A SANDWICH MAKER A BIG SPECIAL!

Ever since the pandemic, Japan is experiencing an “*outdoor boom*.” Rather than staying cooped up inside your house, more and more people want to experience the outdoor vibe with *outdoor cooking* and *barbecue*, resulting in outdoor cooking gear’s sizzling rise in popularity! In this special, we’ll highlight the hot sandwiches featured on the Volume 3 cover for “A Rare Marriage.” The recipes are quite simple: all you have to do is grill!

*But that's not all!* We'll also tell you about sandwich makers and all the wonderful things you can do with them!



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CHEERS!

Chapter 31

The Farewell  
Barbecue, Part 2



FUKUYAMA-SAN,  
THESE ARE  
DELICIOUS!

THEY GO  
PERFECTLY WITH  
THIS WINE!

MM!

AND I SAID,  
"MAN, IT'D BE  
SO COOL TO  
MAKE THESE  
AT HOME..."

WE HAD IT AT  
A RESTAURANT  
I PICKED OUT  
FOR US SOME  
TIME AGO.

DID YOU  
COME UP  
WITH THIS  
YOURSELF?

YOU DON'T  
SEE PICKLED  
MYOGA AND  
OKRA EVERY  
DAY.

OH,  
THIS?

IS THAT GUY REALLY FRIENDS WITH BBQ GLASSES?

CHIHIRO...

WE HAVE A LOT OF THESE MOMENTS DON'T WE KENTA?

YEP.

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE'VE MET AS WELL, SO I WAS REALLY CURIOUS TO SEE WHAT HE WAS LIKE, BUT...

HE AND KENTA-SAN ARE QUITE DIFFERENT...

I WAS INVITED...

I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN!

I'M VERY GRATEFUL TO HIM.

TODA-SAN IS THE REASON KENTA-SAN AND I GOT TOGETHER, SO...



TOO BAD.  
LOOKS LIKE YOU  
WON'T IMPRESS  
OUR GIRLS SO  
EASILY!

HHA  
HHA  
HA! //

YOU  
SHOULD  
TAKE THIS  
BACK AND  
EAT IT  
YOUR-  
SELF...

YES,  
YOU ARE.

NO, I'M  
NOT.

DRUNK  
ALREADY?

UHM...  
IT'S FUSHI-  
MI-SAN,  
RIGHT?

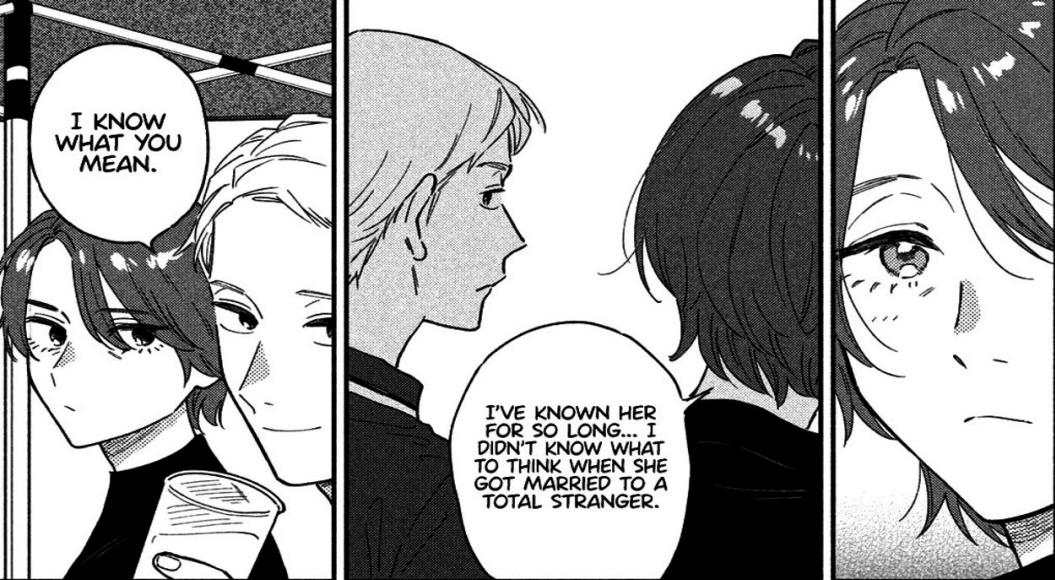
HM... A BOSS  
WHO GETS DRUNK  
AT THEIR EMPLOY-  
EE'S FAREWELL  
PARTY, HUH...

SIIIIIGH...

SAYS THE  
GUY WHO TRIES  
TO PICK UP GIRLS  
AT SOMEONE  
ELSE'S FARE-  
WELL PARTY.









WE'LL ADD THE  
GRILLED CHICK-  
EN TO IT, AND  
WE HAVE...

WHEN THE  
TABASCO SAUCE  
WARMS UP...

**BUFFALO  
WINGS!**





IT'S BE-  
CAUSE I'M  
DRUNK!

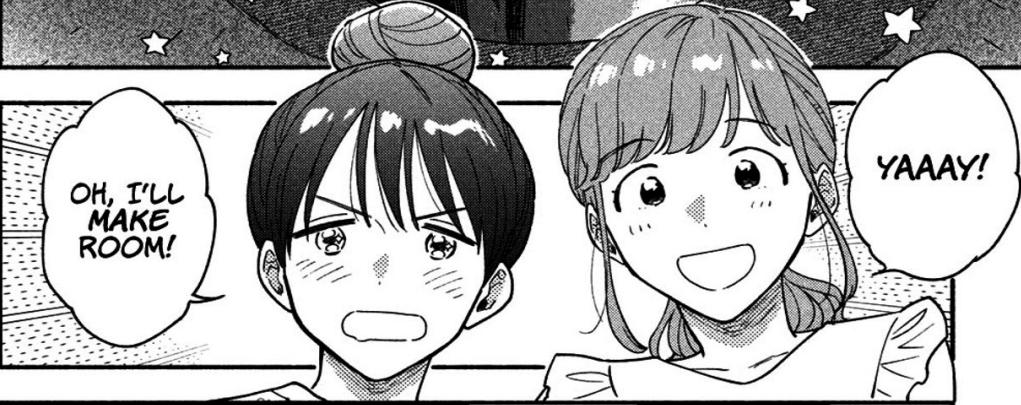
NO  
NEED TO  
BLUSH.

L-HO

LO



WE MADE  
OOLONG TEA  
JELLO!



OH, I'LL  
MAKE  
ROOM!

YAAAY!



IT'S  
HEAVEN-  
LY...

THIS  
OOLONG JELLY  
THAT'S NOT TOO  
SWEET, PAIRED  
WITH THIS CON-  
DENSED MILK...

I THINK WE  
HAD SOMETHING  
LIKE THIS AT A  
CHINESE RESTAUR-  
ANT IN IKE-  
BUKURO!

THIS IS  
REALLY,  
REALLY  
GOOD!





JUST LIKE  
THE BULLET  
TRAIN, I WANT MY  
DESIGNS TO BRING  
PEOPLE TOGETHER  
LIKE THAT, FROM  
ONE HEART TO  
ANOTHER.

AND...

I'D LIKE  
IT VERY MUCH  
IF MY DESIGNS  
COULD BRING A  
LITTLE LIGHT  
TO PEOPLE'S  
LIVES.



IT MEANS  
"LIGHT" BUT  
IT'S ALSO A  
REFERENCE  
TO THE HIKARI  
BULLET  
TRAIN...

BECAUSE THE  
HIKARI WAS WHAT  
KEPT US TOGETHER,  
EVEN THOUGH WE HAD  
A LONG-DISTANCE  
RELATIONSHIP AND  
WE COULDN'T SEE  
EACH OTHER ON  
WEEKDAYS.

LIKE  
THAT...

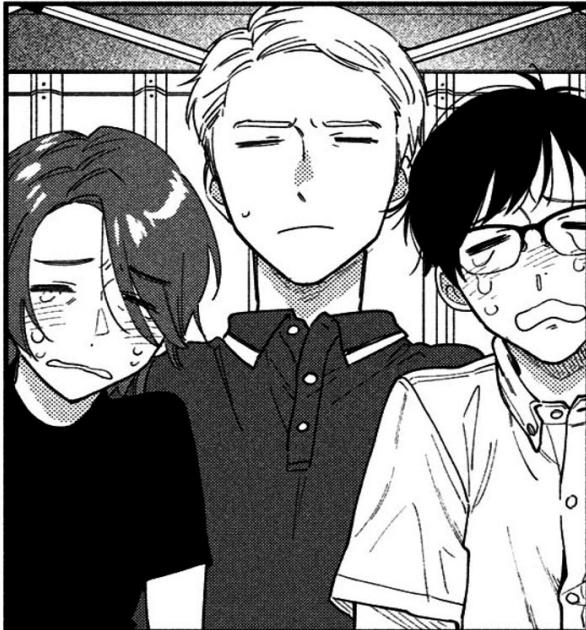


—  
—  
—

SOME-  
SOME-  
THING...



CHI-  
HIRO...





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I'M FINALLY  
MOVING...

Chapter 32

How We  
Met



I'LL BE  
THERE FIRST  
THING IN THE  
MORNING,  
THOUGH!

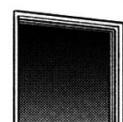
SORRY I  
COULDN'T  
HELP!

YES, ALL  
THAT'S LEFT  
NOW IS MY  
FUTON.

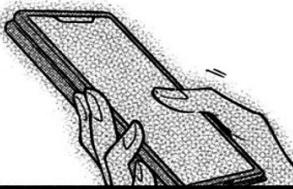
DID YOU  
FINISH  
PACK-  
ING?

CHI-  
HIRO-  
SAN!

HELLO?

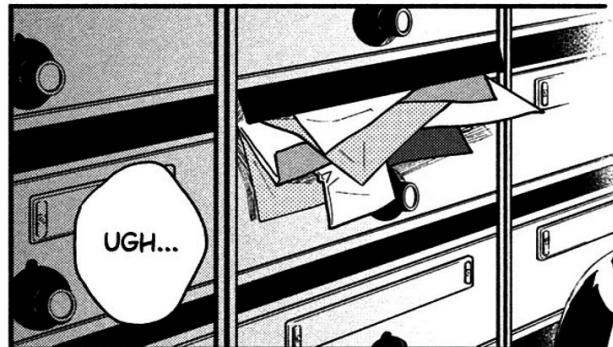


SIX  
MONTHS  
AGO...



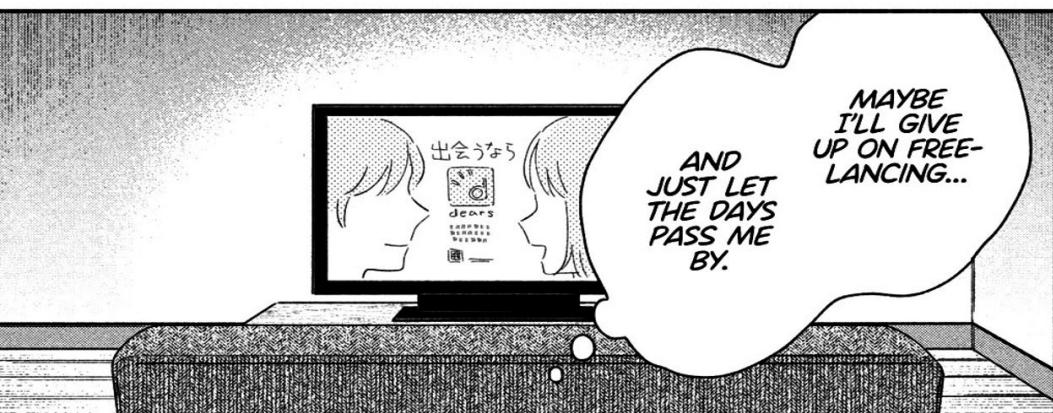
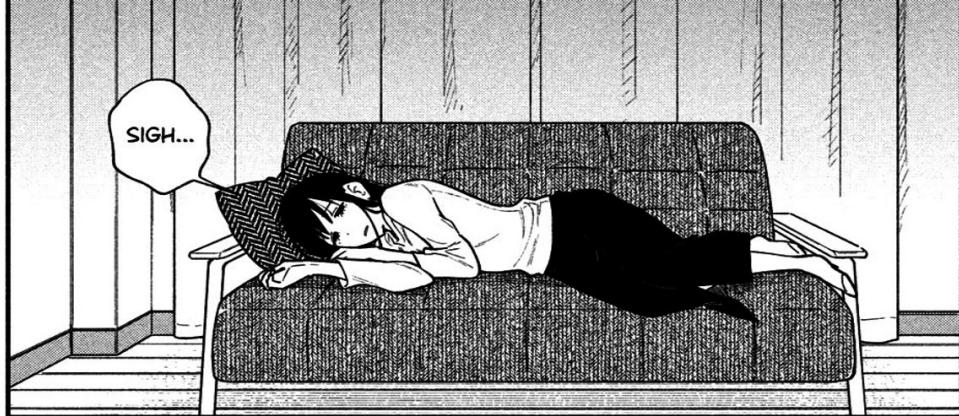
UGH...

I NEVER  
THOUGHT I'D  
GET MARRIED.



I LET  
THEM PILE  
UP AGAIN...





MAYBE THIS  
LIFE OF ALL  
WORK AND  
NO PLAY.

AT  
THE VERY  
LEAST...

OF COMING  
HOME AND GOING  
STRAIGHT TO BED,  
WOULD FADE  
AWAY...

MAYBE  
THINGS WOULD  
BE DIFFERENT IF  
I HAD SOMEONE  
IN MY LIFE.

YEAH,  
PROBABLY.

OR MARRY  
ANYONE, FOR  
THAT MATTER.

JUST  
BECAUSE I  
HAVE A HARD  
TIME WITH  
LABELS...

DOESN'T  
MEAN I DON'T  
WANT TO DATE  
ANYONE.

I DON'T  
HAVE ANY  
REASON TO GET  
MARRIED. BUT  
THEN AGAIN, I  
DON'T HAVE A  
REASON NOT  
TO...

IT'S  
JUST...





BUT PUTTING MY FACE OUT THERE...

I'LL JUST UPLOAD A PICTURE OF THE LUNCH THAT I HAD THE OTHER DAY.

Please add a profile picture

NEXT UP, IS...

A PICTURE?



If your face is clearly visible you'll be more

I DID IT!

amaguchi  
Tokyo, 30

eased to meet you.

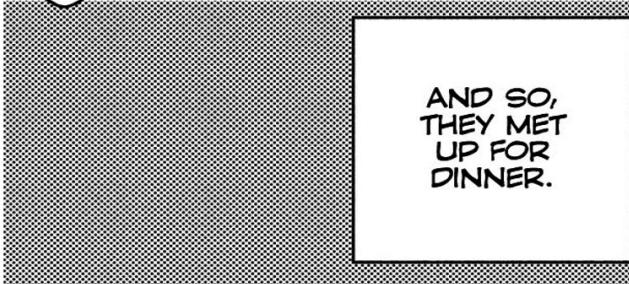
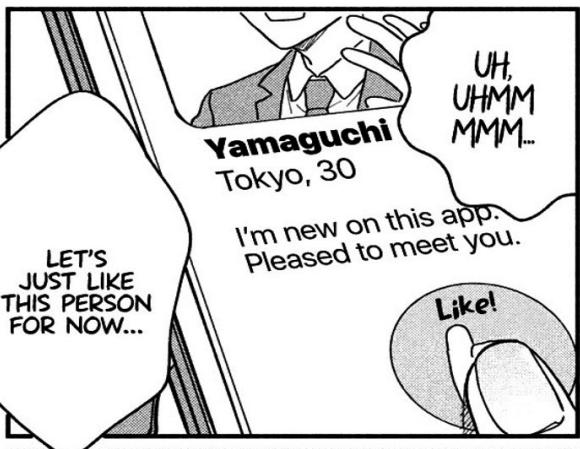
- Hobbies: None in particular
- Favorite celebrity: None in particular

HUH!  
SO FAST!

HUH?

HUH?  
ALREADY?

I.S.-san liked your profile.



AND  
JUST WHEN  
I STARTED TO  
THINK THAT...

HE'S NOT  
TEXTING  
BACK.

MAYBE...

HE'S SEE-  
ING SOME-  
ONE ELSE,  
TOO...

AND HE'S  
REALLY HITTING  
IT OFF WITH  
THEM...?

BUT IT'S  
BEEN A WEEK  
ALREADY...

Thank you for ye-  
day. I had fun.

Read

MAYBE  
HE'S BUSY.

Do you have pla-  
next Saturday?

Read

IT'S GOING  
ON "READ,"  
SO...  
IT'S NOT  
LIKE HE'S  
NOT READ-  
ING MY  
TEXTS...



I'VE GOT IT!

I'M GONNA  
GET SOME  
YAKINIKU!

LET'S CHOW DOWN!

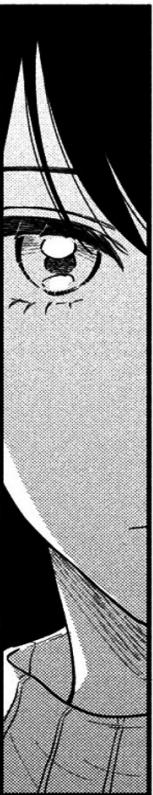
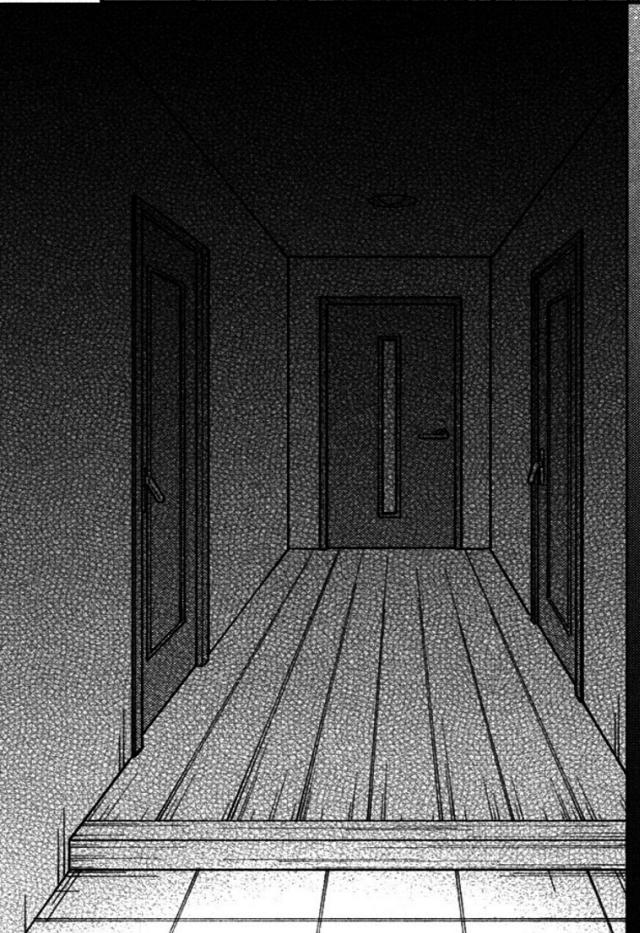
GUESS THAT MEANS THERE'S MORE FOR ME!

I FOUND THIS RESTAURANT ONLINE BECAUSE I WANTED TO TAKE FUKUYAMA-SAN HERE, BUT...

IT'S NOT LIKE I CAN'T COME HERE JUST BECAUSE HE'S NOT WITH ME!

PLEASE COME AGAIN!

WELCOME!



THIS IS  
HOME,  
BUT...



**WHY DO  
I FEEL SO  
ALONE?**





I'VE FALLEN  
IN LOVE WITH  
FUKUYAMA-  
SAN...

I'M  
SURE.

THANK  
YOU SO  
MUCH.

YOU SURE  
YOU GOT  
EVERYTHING,  
MA'AM?

1 " A ->





ARE YOU  
READY TO  
GO?

YEAH.

LET'S...  
GO  
HOME.





HAMAMATSU,  
SHIZUOKA.

ONE  
OF JAPAN'S  
DESIGNATED  
CITIES, WITH A  
POPULATION  
OF APPROX.  
800,000  
PEOPLE.

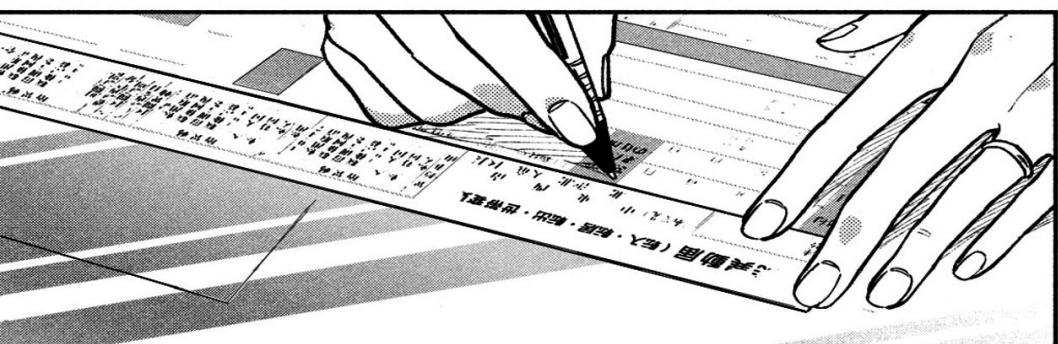
WITH A  
COMFORTABLY  
WARM CLIMATE  
AND SURROUNDED  
BY ABUNDANT NA-  
TURE, IT'S THE CEN-  
TER OF THE ENSHUU  
DISTRICT FOR COM-  
MERCE, CULTURE,  
AND TOURISM.

AIRARE MARRIAGE

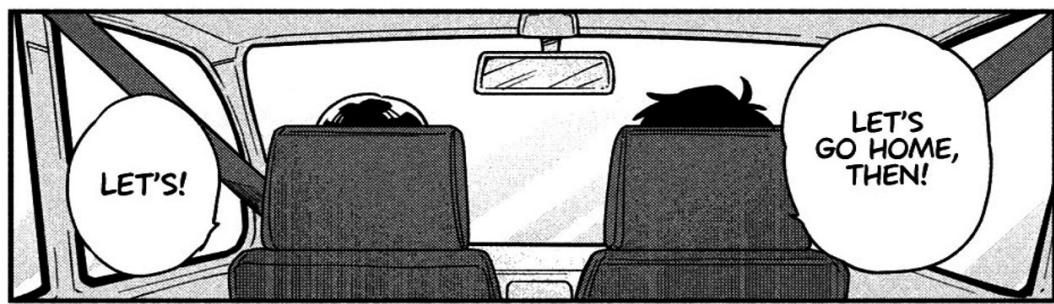
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Chapter 33

Sakura Rice to  
Warm the Heart









IS  
THERE  
GOOD  
NEWS?



OH...

REALLY?

YOU HAVEN'T  
STOPPED SMIL-  
ING SINCE I  
CAME BACK.



MY WIFE  
FINALLY  
MOVED IN  
WITH ME!

HMM,  
WELL...  
ACTUAL-  
LY, YEAH!  
GREAT  
NEWS!

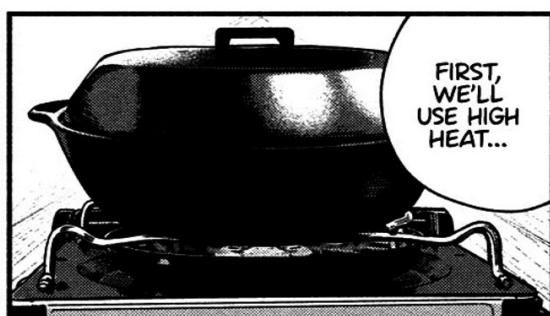
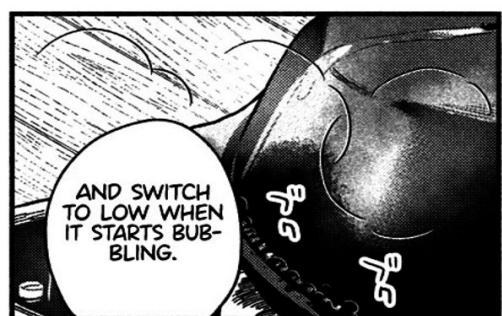


AND  
THEN EAT  
SOME GOOD  
FOOD!

AL-  
RIGHT!

LET'S  
FINISH  
UNPACKING  
WHEN WE  
GET HOME!





IF IT'S JUST  
TO CHECK ON  
THE RICE REAL  
QUICK, IT'S  
OKAY.

COOKING  
WITH A CLAY  
POT LOOKS  
HARD...

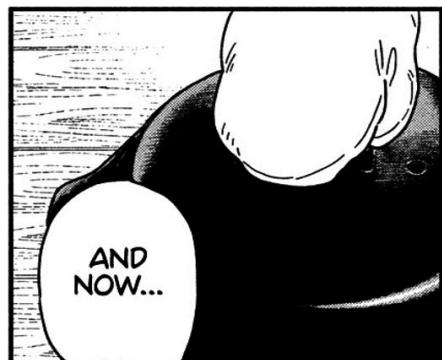
DON'T THEY  
SAY YOU'RE  
NOT SUPPOSED  
TO OPEN THE  
LID AT ALL?

THE  
WATER HAS  
EVAPORATED,  
SO WE'RE GOING  
TO TAKE IT OFF THE  
HEAT AND LET IT  
REST FOR A  
WHILE.

IF IT  
DOESN'T TURN  
OUT WELL, WE  
CAN JUST USE  
IT TO MAKE  
PORRIDGE!

AND  
MAKE  
MISO  
SOUPl

IN THE  
MEANTIME,  
WE'LL GRILL  
SOME FISH...



AND NOW...



TODAY  
WE'LL USE  
TOFU, SEA-  
WEED, AND  
SPRING ON-  
IONS!



ALL  
DONE!  
ENSHUU  
SAKURA  
RICE!



LET'S  
EAT!



THIS REALLY  
WARMST THE  
HEART...



A COL-  
LEAGUE FROM  
WORK TAUGHT  
ME HOW TO  
MAKE IT!

I GUESS  
IT'S NOT  
MUCH OF A  
DINNER.

IT'S  
REALLY GOOD,  
THOUGH.

I THOUGHT  
I'D SERVE  
SOME LOCAL  
FOOD, BUT...

APPARENT-  
LY, IT'S A SHI-  
ZUOKA SOUL  
FOOD AND IS  
OFTEN SERVED  
FOR LUNCH AT  
SCHOOLS.

IT'S QUICK  
AND EASY TO  
MAKE, SO IT'S A  
STAPLE OF HOME-  
COOKED RECIPES,  
TOO.

HUH...

NOT AT  
ALL!

IT'S  
DELICIOUS!

OKAY  
THEN...

LUNCH:  
PAstry

DINNER:  
PAstry

BREAK-  
FAST: ENER-  
GY BAR

EMPTY...

DON'T UNDER-  
ESTIMATE HOW  
USED I AM TO  
CONVENIENCE  
STORE FOOD.

I'VE NEVER HAD IT WITH NORI BEFORE, BUT IT'S GREAT.

AND MISO SOUP WITH SPRING ONIONS IS MY FAVORITE.

THIS DRIED MACKEREL GOES PERFECTLY WITH THIS RICE.

KENTA-SAN... IS THERE ANYTHING YOU DON'T LIKE TO EAT?

BUT FRIED TOFU IS GOOD, TOO... OH, TODA MAKES IT WITH EGGS!

FOR ME, I LIKE IT WITH FRIED EGG-PLANT!

BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU DON'T LIKE CREAM...

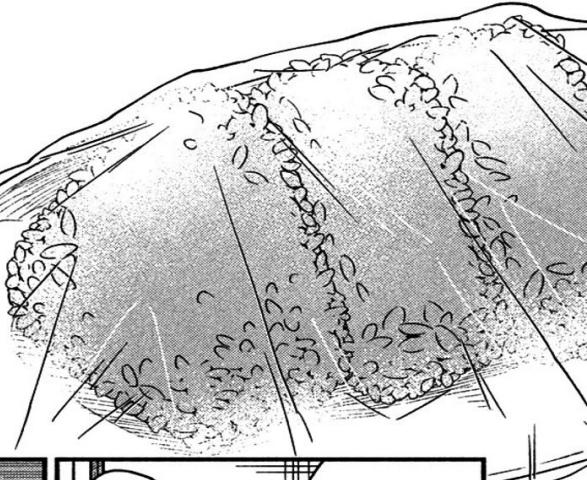
THIS TYPE OF PANCAKE.

LIKE THIS.

BUT IF I HAD TO PICK SOMETHING, I GUESS STUFF THAT HAS TOO MUCH CREAM?

IT UP-SETS MY STOMACH.

NOT REALLY...



WELL...

I HAD ALL  
THESE PLANS FOR  
THINGS I WANTED  
TO DO WHEN I  
MOVED HERE...

BUT MOST  
OF THEM ARE  
THINGS I WANT  
TO DO TOGETHER  
WITH YOU,  
KENTA-SAN.

LIKewise...

I'LL BE IN  
YOUR CARE  
FROM NOW  
ON.







A RARE MARRIAGE  
*how to grill our love*

Next time: The stage debut of the gyaru with an Enshuu accent!

A RARE MARRIAGE

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SO TODAY, I  
DECIDED TO  
VISIT A DRIV-  
ING SCHOOL.

AFTER I MOVED  
TO HAMAMATSU, I  
STARTED FEELING  
A LITTLE UNEASY  
ABOUT NOT HAV-  
ING A DRIVER'S  
LICENSE.

## Chapter 34

Lemon Sours,  
Perfect for Beef  
Tongue



AT LEAST,  
THAT WAS  
THE PLAN...



BUT  
THIS GIRL'S  
BEEN STARING  
AT ME FOR A  
WHILE NOW...



N-  
NO...  
I LIVE  
IN HAMA-  
MATSU...

NOW  
SHE'S  
TALKING  
TO ME!

YER  
FROM TOKYO,  
AREN'TCHA?

WELL  
HELLO  
THERE,  
MISSY!

WELL,  
I'M ORIGI-  
NALLY FROM...  
OR RATHER, I  
WAS LIVING IN  
TOKYO UNTIL  
RECENTLY.

AH!

DARN  
IT, WAS I  
WRONG?  
MY TOKYO  
RADAR WAS  
GOING OFF,  
THOUGH...

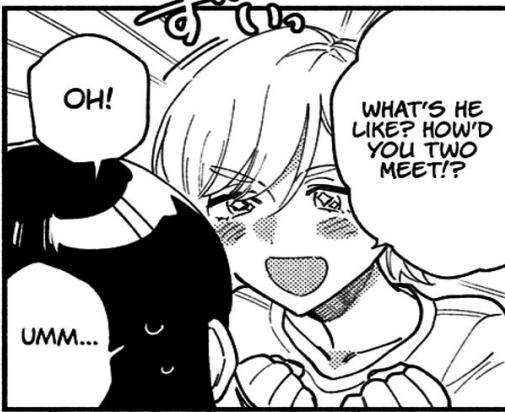
WHERE IN  
TOKYO ARE YOU  
FROM?  
SHIBUYA?

FANCY-  
LIKE...?  
DO I  
STICK  
OUT?

I  
KNEW  
IT!

YER  
DRESSED  
ALL FANCY-  
LIKE, SO  
I COULD  
TELL!









SOUNDS WILD!

SO,  
THAT'S WHAT  
HAPPENED  
TODAY...

BUT  
NOW...

WE'RE  
GONNA  
FOCUS ON  
THIS...

I ALSO  
GET CAUGHT  
UP IN EXCITE-  
MENT WHEN  
I SEE THICK  
CUTS LIKE  
THIS.  
IT...

I STOP-  
PED BY THE  
SUPERMARKET  
ON THE WAY  
HOME, AND  
IT WAS ON  
SALE...

WHOA...

SHE  
WAS ALSO A  
REALLY GOOD  
LISTENER.

HOW  
DO I PUT  
THIS...

THAT'S  
NOT ALL,  
THOUGH...

IT'S BEEN A  
WHILE SINCE I  
HAD A CONVERSA-  
TION WITH A COM-  
PLETE STRANGER,  
AND IT WAS RE-  
ALLY FUN.

FRIEND...!

SO SHE'S  
YOUR FIRST  
FRIEND HERE  
IN HAMA-  
MATSU!

NOT  
EVEN HER  
NAME...

...  
NO, I  
DIDN'T...

DID YOU  
ASK HER FOR  
HER PHONE  
NUMBER?



TODAY,  
WE'LL HAVE  
LEMON SOURS  
TO GO WITH  
THE BEEF  
TONGUE!

WHILE  
IT'S GRILL-  
ING, LET'S  
GET OUR  
DRINKS  
ON!

FOR SEASONING,  
WE'LL USE SALT  
AND PEPPER!

GRILL  
IT SLOW-  
LY BY SET-  
TING THE HEAT  
TO HIGH AND  
PUTTING THE  
GRILL HIGH  
OVER THE  
COALS.

SLOWLY TOP  
IT OFF WITH  
SOME SODA,  
AND STIR IT  
GENTLY.

FILL A  
GLASS WITH  
ICE, MIX SOME  
SHOCHU AND  
SOME LEMON  
JUICE...

PERSONALLY,  
I LIKE TO ADD A  
FROZEN LEMON  
SLICE AS WELL!



BUT SO GOOD!

NOW,  
THE LEMON  
SOUR...

SO  
SOUR!

WHOEVER  
CAME UP WITH  
THIS PAIRING MUST'VE  
BEEN A GENIUS. I'D  
LIKE TO THANK  
THEM...

THEY'RE  
BOTH SO  
GOOD!

A-MATCH  
MADE IN  
HEAVEN...

AND THE  
SOURS ARE  
JUST BURST-  
ING WITH  
LEMON....!

THE BEEF  
TONGUE IS  
SO JUICY...





